

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A manifold for a heat exchanger, having a manifold plate closed by a wall in such a way as to delimit a chamber into which at least one pipe opens out, wherein the manifold further comprises:

a first part formed from a shaped metal sheet featuring only one bottom~~[[ ]]~~and two lateral walls folded face-to-face, at least one of which is provided with an aperture in order for a pipe to be fixed there, distal edges of the two lateral walls and the bottom of the first part define a continuous edge thereof, and

a second part formed from a shaped metal sheet able to be fitted onto the lateral walls of the first part in order to form a cover opposite the bottom of the first part, the second part having a continuous edge complementary to the continuous edge of the first part,

wherein one of the first part and the second part comprises the manifold plate, and

wherein the first part~~[[,]]~~ and the second part ~~and the pipe~~ are assembled by brazing along the entire continuous edges thereof so as to delimit the chamber solely by the first and second parts.

Claim 2 (original): The manifold of Claim 1, wherein the two lateral walls of the first part are generally flat and parallel to each other and are connected perpendicularly to the bottom.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The manifold of Claim 1, wherein the ~~two lateral walls of the first part each include~~ continuous edge of the first part includes a peripheral groove for accommodating ~~[[a]] longitudinal~~ the continuous edge of the second part.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The manifold of Claim 1, wherein the two lateral walls of the first part each include a series of cut-outs delimiting support regions formed in projection from the inner side for accommodating a longitudinal edge of the second part.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The manifold of Claim 4, wherein the support regions are each formed by stamping of the lateral walls of the inner side.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The manifold of Claim 4, wherein each longitudinal edge of the second part is equipped with projecting studs able to be engaged respectively in the cut-outs of the lateral walls.

Claim 7 (original): The manifold of Claim 1, wherein the second, cover-forming part is defined by a sheet which is shaped so as to have generatrices generally parallel to each other.

Claim 8 (original): The manifold of Claim 1, wherein the manifold plate is included in the bottom of the first part and is connected to the lateral walls, while the second part constitutes a closed cover.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The manifold of Claim 8, wherein the lateral walls have respective face-to-face extensions, least one of which is provided with an aperture for fitting a pipe.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The manifold of Claim 1, wherein manifold plate is included in the second part, while the bottom of the first part is closed and is connected e lateral walls.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The manifold of Claim 10, wherein the first part and the second part are each obtained and cutting-out from a metal sheet component.

Claim 12 (original): The manifold of Claim 1, wherein the first part and the second part are each obtained from a sheet of a material comprising aluminum.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): A heat exchanger comprising a manifold according to Claim 1.